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Freedom of Information Officer

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Dear Mr Killock

Your request for information received on 8 May 2017 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

- (1) your policy or policy guidance for duties under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 duties for the various local authorities listed in Schedule 6, known as "Prevent";
- (2) your policy relating to Internet filtering, blocking and prevention of access to material deemed inappropriate;
- (3) the name of any providers of Internet filtering and blocking services that you use, or else a statement that you do not block or filter content at all;
- (4) a list of agreements, arrangements or Memorandums of Understanding between yourselves and bodies such as the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), the Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU) of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), or Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU) of the City of London Police, to receive lists of illegal or illicit content, for instance for the purposes of blocking.

Finally, can you:

- (5) tell me if any filtering or blocking service that you use incorporates lists from the IWF, CTIRU or PIPCU, and which lists are incorporated; and
- (6) provide to me any clauses within any contract or terms and conditions of service agreed with your filtering and blocking providers that relate to their use of information from the IWF, CTIRU or PIPCU.

University Response

(1) The University is subject to guidance issued by HM Government. This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>. Prevent Duty sits under the University's Safeguarding Policy. The Policy is exempt as S21 of the Freedom of Information Act applies when the information sought is already available and can be readily accessed by the requestor. This information is publicly available and can be accessed at: <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/about-us/policies/public-policy-statements>

(2) The University does not hold any policy relating to Internet filtering, blocking and prevention of access to material deemed inappropriate beyond general Computer use policies for students and staff. The student policy is exempt as S21 of the Freedom of Information Act applies when the information sought is already available and can be readily accessed by the requestor. This information is publicly available and can be accessed at: <http://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/your-middlesex/university-regulations-and-policies/policies>. The staff policy is attached.

(3) N/A

(4) We do not have agreements, arrangements or Memorandums of Understanding with any of the bodies you have mentioned or any other bodies to receive lists of illegal or illicit content, for instance for the purposes of blocking.

(5) N/A

(6) N/A

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mrs Teresa Kelly, Clerk to the Board of Governors, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 6018, t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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